

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

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Genius.

What is it? Many think genius is some occult power which impels the possessor on to distinction with little or no effort on his part. Never was there a more mistaken idea. Buffon says: "Genius is only patience." Derby's definition was similar, but declares with more distinctness the essential principle: "Genius is a capacity to take an infinite trouble about things." Samuel Johnson said: "Genius is large general powers turned in a particular direction." When one is down in a deep well the stars above him may be seen in the day time, though invisible to others not so situated. So, we think geniuses by having their spheres circumscribed can see farther than those who have no particular aim.

Another author, and one whom we are inclined to follow, says: "What genius does is to inspire the soul with a power to persevere in the labor that is needed." Lord Lytton was of the same opinion: "What men want is not talent, it is purpose, in other words, not the power to achieve, but the will to labor."

So whatever genius is, be it inherent capacity or high mental endowment, it is nothing without earnest, painstaking labor; and that, too, in some special direction. The true genius is none of your "Jack-of-all-trades, master of none." Nature points out his vocation and he sticks to it.

The object, then, of every one should find out that for which he is best adapted, and to bring all his powers to bear in that direction. How many grand failures there are, because this is not carried out. How many have missed their true vocation and are occupying niches they do not fit, and in which they are cramped. We know one who is by nature and practice a good mechanic, but, through a mistaken sense of duty, he is laboring for the ministry for which he is poorly adapted. He thinks he must preach. There may be "calls" to preach when one can do that better than anything else, but we are sure the Lord would never spoil a good mechanic to make a poor preacher.

A Wise Move.

Hon. John S. Richardson has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives, providing for the apportionment among the States and Territories of the net proceeds of patents for the education of the people. The bill provides, that the share of each State shall be invested in United States bonds, the interest on which shall be paid out of the Treasury annually. Under the provisions of the bill, the Southern States would, for the first five years, receive a large share of the funds. The bill, if it becomes a law, will be a great blessing to the South, struggling in her might to do the mighty educational work imposed upon her by emancipation. We will look with interest to the passage of the bill, and we hope Col. Richardson will not abate his zeal in his good work.

Mr North they are talking about pensioning teachers. What nonsense? What we want is mainly men and women in teachers' chairs—men and women who are not afraid to do and dare—who have force enough to make an impression on their scholars—persons of character and pluck, who do not hesitate to teach that the world owes no man a living. We want less "Profs" (!) and shiplastered quacks and more who seek to elevate and adorn their calling. Give us more of such stuff, pay us a fair salary and let us take care of ourselves, if you please.

At the late commencement exercises of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., Miss Kate Lupton, daughter of Prof. Lupton, completed the prescribed course of study, and received the degree of Master of Arts. It was said she won the honor fairly and squarely. How does this please the flippant critic of woman's mental capacities? Is the mind of woman inferior to that of man?

Comments on Corner tells us only two thousand six hundred and fifty-four children attended school in Orangeburg the past school session. Are these all the children in the county? We notice only one hundred and sixteen from one township. How can parents be satisfied to suffer their children to grope in such mental darkness, especially when relief is so near at hand?

WE MEAN IT.—It is a good idea for the teacher to look over and study the lessons before he goes to the class. Because, in this way, you will think of new ways to explain them. Explain lessons by every day practical illustrations. Such modes will give new life to a dull, careless class.

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